

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 11, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I write to notify you formally pursuant to rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that a member of my staff has been served with a subpoena issued by the District Court of the State of Texas. After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

FRANK TEJEDA,
Member of Congress.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, and under a previous order of the House the following Members are recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GRAHAM addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. KINGSTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. JACKSON-LEE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TRIBUTE TO PETER AVILLANOZA— VICTIM OF OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii [Mrs. MINK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I want to remember a native son of Hawaii, Peter Avillanoza, who recently went to Oklahoma City to begin a new mission, as director of equal opportunity for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He moved to Oklahoma City only a few months ago. He was 56 years old when he died in the senseless bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building.

Peter Avillanoza cared passionately about the people he served. He was a pioneer. Peter was assigned by HUD to work in Honolulu to help people comply with fair housing laws. He had been working in HUD's Orange County, CA office. He didn't come in with a big regulatory stick and levy penalties. Instead, he prevented violations from occurring in the first place. For 2 years, he reached out into the community to encourage consumers and industry to buy into the concept of equal housing opportunity for all. He made sure everyone—residents, landlords, realtors, financiers and public officials—knew their rights and their responsibilities, before the law was implemented. Today, as just one measure of his success, real estate industry in Hawaii requires all its professionals to be instructed about fair housing law before granting them certificates to practice.

Peter Avillanoza was born and educated in Hawaii. After graduating from Kaimuki High School in 1956, Peter Avillanoza joined the Army, got married and, after finishing his tour, used the GI bill to get master's degrees in business and criminology. While going to school, he worked as a Honolulu police officer and in the fire department.

Peter Avillanoza loved music, played several instruments and composed songs, Hawaiian music being one of his favorites. Friends and family recall the day he began singing gospel music. That happened just last August, when, at an outdoor religious revival, Peter walked up to the stage and made his peace with God.

Peter Avillanoza leaves behind a great legacy: his wife Darlene Dohi-Avillanoza, 10 children, 14 grandchildren, and 10 brothers and sisters. He raised his children with discipline, fairness, and love. And he stayed connected to them. No matter where he was, he called his children every week, thereby becoming the keeper of family news.

After the bombing, relatives rushed to Oklahoma City, struggling to find out any details they could. After 10 days of heartbreaking uncertainty, rescuers found his body on Saturday, April 29.

Yesterday in Honolulu, hundreds of friends, family and colleagues gathered to lay him to rest. Their memories of Peter Avillanoza, his love and his dedication will give them the strength to endure his loss.

And on behalf of the people of Hawaii, I wish to acknowledge the precious life of Peter Avillanoza and note the deep personal loss suffered by his family.

There will be no consolation for this family. The sadness they feel must be felt by all Americans. Only then, can we take the necessary steps to make sure that his life was not taken in vain. Hate and violence must be expunged from our culture, and replaced with the love and compassion exemplified in the life of Peter Avillanoza.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

REPATRIATION OF CUBAN REFUGEES TO CASTRO'S CUBA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express condemnation of the secret meetings that were held between the Department of State and the Castro dictatorship, and specifically between Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Peter Tarnoff and Communist Cuban official Ricardo Alarcon, which resulted today, a dark day in American history, in 18 Cuban refugees forcibly being repatriated to the Castro dictatorship.

Mr. Speaker, I want the Committee on International Relations, of which I am a member, to hold hearings and receive a full accounting of who specifically authorized such a process, and all details relevant to that process. During March I was assured by senior administration officials that no other options prior to those that had been publicly debated and discussed had been presented to the administration. And we had the head of the Cuban desk appear in my district talking to people from within the community, and yet, despite all of those statements made in public and private, this type of clandestine action occurred, and it belies private and public assurances made to me and others and therefore betrays trust.

I would like to know what was the specific role of the State Department in this latest process which was concluded in the joint statement of May 2 with the Castro dictatorship. What was the specific role of the National Security Council, and what individuals from the National Security Council were involved? I would also like to know if there are any other actual, understood, or implied agreements with the Castro dictatorship that have been made or are in the process of being made.

No doubt our Government should be keenly aware of the physical and psychiatric abuse and attacks and other forms of harassment and intimidation on dissidents to this day by Castro security forces. The State Department has documented it over the years in the "Country Reports on Human